

preaching among them systematically,  
 explaining in a  
 very elementary manner the principles of  
 Christianity,  
 and their application to the life of man  
 They have  
 also set up a printing press, and have already  
 printed in  
 Syriac type a number of school books, the  
 Catechism, the  
*Liturgy of the Apostles*, the most venerable of  
 the Syrian  
 Liturgical documents, the *Second* and *Third*  
*Liturgies*,  
 the *Baptismal Office*, ancient and modern  
 Syriac grammars,  
 and a Lectionary.

It is the earnest hope of the promoters of  
 this Mission  
 that if this ancient Oriental church, once the  
 first mission  
 agency in the world, can be reformed and  
 enlightened,  
 she may yet be the means of evangelising  
 the two  
 great sects of Moslems by means of  
 missionaries akin  
 to them in customs, character, and habits of  
 thought—

"Orientals to Orientals."

The subject of Christian missions in Persia  
 is a very  
 interesting one, and many thoughtful minds  
 are asking  
 whether Christianity is likely to be a  
 factor in the  
 future of the Empire ? As things are, no direct  
 efforts to  
 convert Moslems to Christianity can be  
 made, for the  
 death penalty for apostasy is not legally  
 abolished, and  
 even if it were, popular fanaticism would vent  
 itself upon  
 proselytes. It must be recognised that the  
 Christian  
 missionary is a disturbing element in Persia  
 He is toler-  
 ated, not welcomed, and tolerated only while  
 his efforts  
 to detach people from the national faith  
 are futile  
 Missions have been in operation in Persia for  
 more than

fifty years, and probably at the present time  
there are  
over seventy-five missionaries at work in  
the country.  
If the value of their work were to be judged  
of by the  
number of Moslem converts they have made it  
must be  
pronounced an *absolute failure*.

The result of the impossibility of making  
any direct  
attack upon Islam is that these excellent men  
and women